

Washington ARP Child Care Stabilization Fact Sheet

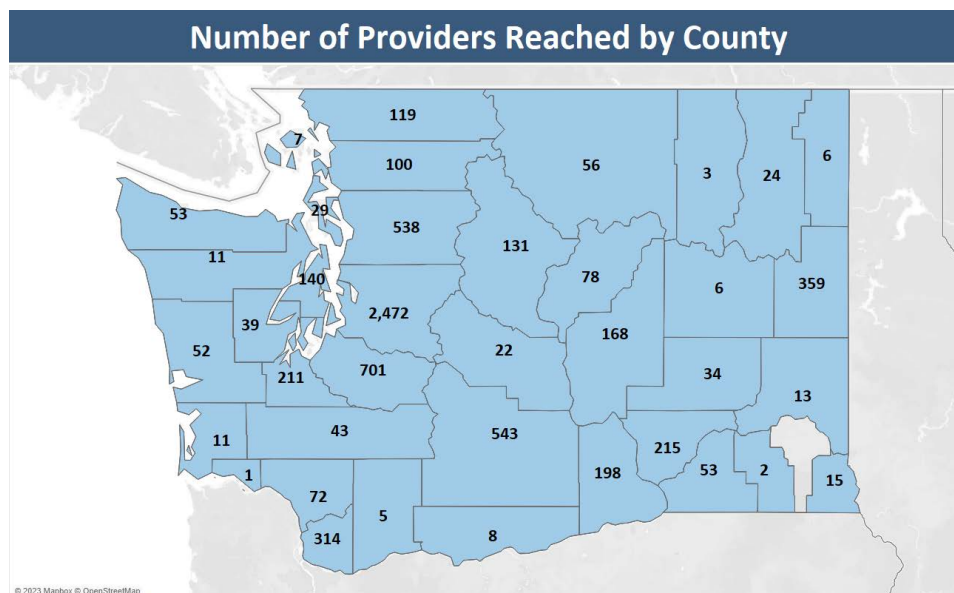
6,850 Child Care Programs in Washington have Received American Rescue Plan Stabilization Support, Impacting up to 183,700 Children

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) provided Washington with \$389.6 million for their Child Care Stabilization program. The Child Care Stabilization program helped center and family child care providers with operational costs like wages, rent, and supplies. These funds were critical to helping child care centers and family child care providers in Washington remain open or reopen, paying child care workers, and providing families with more reliable options for high quality care while they work. Child care programs are mostly small businesses and are essential for families, communities, and the economy.

The ARP Child Care Stabilization program was an unprecedented lifeline for the child care sector that helped parents return to work and spurred economic recovery. More than 225,000 child care programs serving as many as 10 million children nationwide received assistance from the Stabilization program. This fact sheet includes ACF-901 data through June 30, 2023. ARP Stabilization funds ended September 30, 2023.

In Washington:

- Providers in 97% of Washington counties have received funds.
- 2,150 child care centers that received stabilization payments most commonly used them to pay for personnel costs and keep programs staffed.
- 3,545 family child care homes that received stabilization payments most commonly used them to pay for rent and mortgage payments, typically their largest operating expense.
- On average, child care centers received an award of \$88,300 and family child care homes received \$48,200.



County total may not sum to the state total due to rounding.

WA also provided grants to other types of child care providers that met CCDF and ARP eligibility requirements.

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